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LANDINGS BY FISHING VESSELS AT BOSTON, GLOUCESTER, AND PORTLAND DURING DECEMBER

More than 30,000,000 pounds of fresh fish, spread among 22 classifications, and valued at \$979,000, were landed during December 1940 by fishing vessels at the three ports of Portland, Maine; and Boston, and Gloucester, Massachusetts, according to statistics released today by the Division of Fishery Industries, Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior, in Statistical Bulletin 1409.

Compared with December 1939, the volume represents a decrease of 872,000 pounds, but the value is \$170,000 greater for 1940.

Average price per pound of all species landed during December 1940 amounted to about 3.2 cents, compared with 2.6 cents for the same month in 1939.

Boston landings amounted to 20,751,000 pounds, valued at \$776,000. For the same period in the previous year, the catch totaled 22,533,000 pounds, worth \$649,000, indicating a decrease in volume of 1,782,000 pounds, but an increase in value of \$127,000 for 1940.

Most abundant species in the Boston landings included: pollock (5.1 million pounds, valued at \$107,000); large haddock (4.1 million pounds, valued at

\$222,000); market cod (2.5 million pounds, valued at \$98,000); and rosefish (2.3 million pounds at \$52,000).

At Gloucester, the month's catch totaled 8,440,000 pounds, valued at \$175,000. Rosefish predominated with a catch of 4.4 million pounds, worth \$89,000. Pollock was in second place with a catch of 2.8 million pounds, valued at \$49,000.

December landings at Portland amounted to 1.1 million pounds, valued at \$28,000. Leading species was rosefish, with 676,000 pounds, valued at \$12,000. Nearest competitor was large haddock (94,000 pounds, at \$5,000).

Grand total for fresh and salted fish landed at the three ports for the entire year of 1940 amounted to 372,432,000 pounds, valued at \$10,765,000. Compared with 1939 when the total catch amounted to 388,821,000 pounds, worth \$9,547,000, this is a decrease of 4 percent in volume, but an increase of 13 percent in value.

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